

June 9, 2005

BLAIR ANDERSON
10615 38TH DR NE
MARYSVILLE WA 98271

Subject: Complaint filed against Joel Selling – PDC Case #05-105

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff has completed its investigation of your complaint received October 22, 2004 alleging that the Joel Selling campaign sponsored political advertising which failed to disclose the candidate's political party affiliation, an alleged violation of RCW 42.17.510.

PDC staff reviewed your complaint in light of the following statute:

RCW 42.17.510 requires that all written political advertising include the sponsor's name and address. In political advertising for a partisan race, the party with which a candidate files must be clearly identified.

You alleged that the Joel Selling campaign sponsored a mailing which failed to disclose the candidate's political party affiliation.

We found that:

- The Joel Selling campaign had, prior to the mailing referenced in your complaint, sponsored one political advertisement which did feature proper disclosure of party affiliation.
- The candidate's party affiliation was inadvertently left off of the mailing in question.
- The mailing clearly communicated that Mr. Selling was endorsed by the 39th Legislative District Democrats, the Snohomish County Democrats, and the Young Democrats of Washington.

Together, these findings indicate that the Joel Selling campaign did not intentionally seek to hide Mr. Selling's party affiliation from voters. In accordance with PDC practice, the Joel Selling campaign was sent a warning letter for a first offense of failing to include

partisan affiliation on political advertising. Enclosed is a copy of that letter. No further enforcement action will be taken.

After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, we have concluded our investigation and, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, I am dismissing your complaint against the Joel Selling campaign.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance, at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie
Executive Director

Enclosure

c: Joel Selling